

ARRESTED FOR PASSING BAD CHECKS

Mrs. L. F. Clark Charged With Having
Victimized Several Mercantile Firms
Here in September

PRISONER AND BABE SPEND NIGHT IN CELL

Name of O'Conner Given in Chickasha;
Said to Be Under Bond for Same
Offense at Pauls Valley

Attending to the wants of her ten-months-old baby Mrs. L. F. Clark spent last night in the "hen" cell at the county jail and today was placed under \$1,000 bond on the charge of passing forged checks on mercantile houses in Chickasha.

On September 4 full details were published of the visit to Chickasha of a young married woman with a little baby, the mother declaring that she was enjoying a holiday on the event of the anniversary of her wedding and rejoicing in the fact that her husband had given her a \$28 check to dispose of as she would. The game worked and the Hub, Morgan & Gribb and other houses were victimized in the aggregate to the extent of over \$100, the checks being returned to them as being utterly worthless.

The woman skipped town immediately upon receiving the money and went to Texas where she spent several weeks. Seeking to find comfort at home she went to Purcell, near which place she had her mother's residence on a farm. Sheriff Bailey, being advised that the woman had reached that part of the state, asked the city marshal to locate and hold her. The woman was found there at 4 o'clock yesterday morning and arrested at a hotel where she had gone upon reaching town the night before with her baby and entirely without funds.

She was guarded at the hotel pending the arrival of Undersheriff Rucker, who left for her yesterday arriving here last night.

While in custody at Purcell the woman, who is but twenty years old and a deserted wife, is said to have told the officers at that place that she was under bond on the same charge at Pauls Valley, not, however, admitting her guilt.

Mrs. Clark is the victim of an unfortunate marriage. Her mother and 11-year-old brother living on a rented farm at Cole, are her only relatives. About a year ago she married a man who proved to be worthless and who left her several months ago to take care of her baby.

She was identified this morning in Judge Fuller's court as being the one who passed the checks at one of the stores here.

Although occupying an upstairs cell at night Mrs. Clark is permitted the freedom of the jailer's quarters during the day.

She is hopeful of furnishing bond. Mrs. Clark denied her guilt in the Chickasha charges and waived examination when arraigned before Judge Fuller today.

SELL SHOES FOR LESS

O. B. Hunter of the Booterie will open another shoe store Friday morning under the name of Serve Yourself Shoe Store, which will be located at 413 Chickasha avenue. The plan is for all customers to serve themselves. The customers select their shoes and takes them to the cashier, who wraps them, makes change, etc. The shoes will be arranged according to size and price for the convenience of the customer.

Popular prices will be made on all shoes carried at this store. This is a new plan of Mr. Hunter's and it will no doubt be very successful owing to the novelty and the greatly reduced prices.

AIRMAN IN 109 MILE HOUR HIKE

Victor Carlstrom Breaks All Known Non-Stop Records in Terrific Flight from Chicago to New York

OBLIGED TO LAND TO MAKE REPAIRS

Travels 450 Miles at Rate of 169 Miles Per Hour Carrying Mail Pouch to New York City

By United Press.
Erie, Penn., Nov. 2.—Victor Carlstrom, aviator en route to New York from Chicago with mail, was forced to land here at 11:25 a. m., eastern time, on account of engine trouble. He expects to take the air again soon.

Carlstrom covered 450 miles from Chicago at an average of 109 miles per hour. He broke his own American non-stop record of 418 miles.

A Long Flight.
By United Press.
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 2.—Victor Carlstrom in a Curtiss biplane left here at 6 o'clock this morning with a pouch of mail for New York City. He will attempt to reach there this evening without stopping.

The weather and wind were ideal for the trip. Aviators hope it will add from thirty to forty miles per hour to the ninety miles the plane is designed to make.

Again Enroute.
By United Press.
Toledo, O., Nov. 2.—Carlstrom passed Maumee, Ohio, at 8:22 this morning.

BOLDHOLDUP IN NEGRO SECTION

Rock Island Employee on Way Home is
Seized by Trio and Loses Purse
Containing \$8

Another bold holdup occurred in Two street last night, the victim being a railroad man who was returning to his home after having had supper down town.

An employee on the Rock Island trip named Ferguson while strolling home shortly after nine o'clock last night saw a party consisting of one tall sparely built negro and two light colored negroes approaching. To avoid them he stepped into the middle of the street. One of the women asked him for a match and while he was handing it to her the other negroes grabbed him and the first one ransacked his pockets taking a purse containing \$8. When he offered resistance the negro interfered and the woman escaped with the money.

The police authorities were immediately notified and four women suspects were placed under arrest. One of the first couple arrested declared she was innocent but that Anna Thomas, a mulatto, was the guilty party. Anna was identified this morning by Ferguson as the one who got the money but her companion and the man are still at large. Her trial will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon, she having given a \$25 bond.

Charges of loitering were lodged against the other three women but Sofia Hall and Rose Williams were discharged and Josephine Hightower will be tried at 4 this afternoon.

Officers are still hunting the negro and other negro who held Ferguson up.

20 STUDENTS INJURED
By United Press.
Muncie, Ind., Nov. 2.—Three school girls were fatally injured and seventeen other children and a driver seriously hurt when a school hack was struck by an interurban car at Com-

MACKENSEN OBLIGED TO HALT FIGHT

Forces Weakened by Call to Dispatch Several Regiments to Aid of Von Falkenhayne

ROUMANIAN FORCES HOLDING THEIR OWN

Allied Warships Shell Port of Constaza Held by Germans and Bulgars But Without Success

By United Press.
Petrograd, Nov. 2.—Field Marshal Mackensen's halted advance in the Dobruja region was apparently caused by a shortage of men to protect a long line along the Danube.

Bucarest dispatches claim that Mackensen was forced to send several regiments to the Transylvanian front to aid General Falkenhayne. The Roumanians are holding their own practically everywhere on the Transylvanian front except south of the Red Tower pass.

Evacuate Fort Vaux.
By United Press.
Berlin, Nov. 2.—The Germans evacuated Fort Vaux on the northeastern Verdun front during the night, following a heavy French bombardment.

It is stated that the Germans destroyed important parts of the fortifications before withdrawing from the position.

Allies Shell Constaza.
By United Press.
Berlin, Nov. 2.—Enemy warships have shelled the Roumanian port of Constanza which was recently captured by Germans and Bulgars but without success.

WILSON ENTHUSES PUBLIC

Arrival at New York Greeted With Roar of Enthusiasm; Will Speak to Over-Flow Meets

By United Press.
New York, Nov. 2.—On arriving here for his first campaigning in New York, President Wilson was greeted today with a roar of enthusiasm.

The president reached here from Buffalo at 9 o'clock this morning. He planned to board the Mayflower and then return at 12:30 to make a speech before the Wilson Business Men's league. Tonight he will speak at Madison Square Garden and Cooper Union. He will possibly speak also at overflow meetings.

Hughes Confident.
By United Press.
Batavia, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Candidate Hughes today told an audience here that he was confident of victory in the debatable states of Ohio and Indiana.

POLICE PAY \$127 PROFIT FOR MONTH

The police department for October was \$127.24 to the good after deducting all expenses from the gross cash receipts from fines imposed during the month. Mayor Coffman holds treasurer's receipts for \$705.74. The expenses of running the department for October were only \$578.50, due to the fact bill being lighter than usual.

RAILROADS CAUSE HIGH COAL PRICES

Santa Fe and Other Lines Charged With Misusing and Diverting Cars Preventing Rapid Shipments

By United Press.
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 2.—Coal users are hoping that the steady advance in prices will be checked by suits which have been filed in the federal court here in which the Santa Fe and other railroads are charged by twenty-eight coal companies with diverting and misusing coal cars and thereby preventing the rapid shipment of coal from the mines. An injunction is asked.

40 TESTIFY IN DIVORCE SUIT HERE

Case of Johnson Vs. Johnson Begun in District Court Today May Continue Far Through Tomorrow

Seldom have the corridors of the court house been filled with witnesses in a single case as they are today with those who were summoned to tell their tales to Judge Linn in the divorce suit which was begun this morning in the district court.

This is the case of Nora D. Johnson vs. Leslie Johnson, farmers living near Minco. The case will occupy the attention of the court tomorrow as well.

On August 16 it was decreed by the court that Johnson be enjoined and restrained from disposing of or incurring in any way the following described property: The east half of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Twp. 10 N., R. 8 W., and all of the crops growing on the southeast quarter of Sec. 19, Twp. 10 N., R. 8 W., and also all the crops on the east half of the southwest quarter of section 29, Twp. 10 N., R. 8 W., and five head of working horses, two mares, three young mules, 48 head of stock cattle, farm implements and machinery.

Johnson was also restrained from going upon or in any way interfering with plaintiff's possession of the property with the custody of the four children which was given to the mother.

Johnson, moreover, was ordered to pay within five days the sum of \$100 for the use of the plaintiff, another \$100 for temporary attorney's fees for plaintiff and \$10 temporary costs in the case.

Later this injunction was modified so as to allow the defendant to obtain certain registration papers pertaining to live stock and to harvest and bail the crop of alfalfa without, however, being permitted to dispose of or in any way incur such crop and not allowing Johnson to enter the home on the property occupied by the plaintiff.

Bond & Melton represent the plaintiff and Oscar Simpson and Riddle & Hammerly the defendant.

NOISE IN NEGRO TOWN

Negro town was astir last night. Several cases of disorderly conduct were reported. Five negroes were arrested on suspicion of being implicated in a daring holdup on Two street, and a case of human beating by a woman and minor offenses helped to make that section gay.

A negroess whose identity is as yet not established made life miserable for a companion of the same color for a distance of several blocks coming in from Chickasha avenue and walking up Two street about 9 o'clock last night.

Cursing and reviling her silent companion she administered blows, first in his face, then on the back of the ear, then on his head where they had no effect and twice hit him with brickbats. His only response was a plea for her to "go home, I don't belong to you."

VILLISTAS BEAT, ROB FOREIGNERS

Kill 28 Carranza Soldiers Escorting Train and Line Up and Rob Its 400 Passengers

GERMAN RANCHMAN BEATEN AND ROBBED

Official Mexican Advances Delayed by Cut Telegraphic Communications Tell of Bandit Outrages

By United Press.
El Paso, Tex., Nov. 2.—Twenty-eight Carranza soldiers who were escorting a Mexican Central train were murdered and four hundred passengers were lined up, robbed and a German subject was beaten unconscious by two hundred Villista bandits at Laguna Monday when the bandits cut the railway. According to official Mexican reports reaching Laguna, 150 miles south of the border. Details reached the border when the wires were restored.

FLAMES HAD CREPT CLOSE TO BARBER

Ross Barnes Went to Sleep in City Cell With Lighted Cigar in Mouth But Sergeant Found Fire

Ross Barnes, a barber, had two experiences with fire last night, one of which might have proved to be quite serious had it not been for the opportune arrival of Sergeant Gunnells who was aroused in the night to let a plain drunk into a city cell.

Barnes rooms at 227 Chickasha avenue, over the Chickasha National bank. A fire alarm at 8:05 last night called the fire department out to extinguish a blaze in his rooms caused by an oil stove.

Little damage was done by the blaze but Barnes was arrested for being under the influence of liquor and lodged in the city jail. He fell asleep with a lighted cigar in his mouth and was utterly oblivious to his surroundings until rudely aroused from his slumbers at about 10:30 by the night sergeant who found the cell filled with smoke and the mattress on which Barnes slept on fire.

Sergeant Gunnells had gone to his quarters in the second story of the city hall for the night when called to descend in order to let in a prisoner. When the heavy iron door leading to the lockup swung open smoke issued from within and a hasty examination showed the flames to be within a couple of feet of the unconscious prisoner. Barnes was arrested on the charge of being drunk and disturbing the peace. His trial was set for 4 o'clock this afternoon before Mayor Coffman.

COL. O'NEILL AT CARNEGIE

Col. T. J. O'Neill returned this morning from Carnegie where he went yesterday by direction of the Democratic state committee to fill a speaking engagement which Judge J. B. A. Robertson was unable to meet. He reports a large meeting last night, with Democrats in good working trim. "I told the Caddo county people that Grady county Democrats would see that their candidate for state senator, Mr. Carpenter, gets a full vote in this county," said Col. O'Neill. Carpenter is the Democratic candidate in the district composed of Caddo and Grady counties.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Friday fair.
Local Temperature.
Maximum, 55; minimum, 47.

PERPLEXING QUESTION RE-OPENED

If Marina Was Armed When Torpedoed Armed Merchantmen Controversy Will Again Come Up

GERMANY HAS NEVER ADMITTED CONTENTION

While U. S. Government Has Maintained Rights of Merchantmen Germany Has Been Silent

By United Press.
Washington, Nov. 2.—The re-opening of the entire armed merchantmen controversy is certain if it is proved that the Marina was armed when the vessel was submerged, Secretary Lansing indicated today.

Lansing admitted that it is still an open question whether merchantmen have the right to arm for self-defense. This will be the principal question at issue if negotiations with Germany develop over the death of six American citizens aboard the British steamer.

The United States government has maintained that merchantment may arm with guns not exceeding six-inch calibre but Germany has never admitted this contention.

BIG BOOST IN POSTOFFICE BUSINESS

Receipts in October Passed High Water Mark of Any Month in Chickasha Postoffice

Improved business conditions in Chickasha and the Washita valley were reflected in the postoffice receipts for October as announced this morning by Postmaster G. W. Barefoot.

The October monthly report shows the receipts to have been \$3214 for the month as against \$2732 for October 1915, an increase of \$1182 or over forty per cent.

The high water mark in local post office business up to last month had been held by the report of business for one December before the advent of Postmaster Barefoot, when the receipts were \$3400, showing last month's business to be the best ever done in Chickasha by \$314.

This revenue being the result of correspondence carried on by local people there can be but one conclusion to be drawn from it and that is that business is good and that Chickasha is growing.

AGED JURIST AND SOLDIER EXPIRES

By United Press.
Waco, Tex., Nov. 2.—Andrew F. McCormick, aged 83, United States circuit judge of the fifth district, died this morning. He was partially paralyzed as the result of a fall sustained five years ago which incapacitated him from serving on the bench, although he never retired. He was born in Texas and served in the Civil war. He was appointed to that bench in 1882 by President Harrison. Surviving children are A. P. McCormick of Waco, United States commissioner, J. M. McCormick of Dallas, chairman of the state progressive committee, Mrs. J. C. Muse, Jr., and Mrs. Jewel Freeman of Dallas, Mrs. Lucy Carnes and Mrs. Mollie McGinn of Austin, Mrs. G. T. Barnes and Mrs. Sallie Croston of Ada, Okla., Mrs. Lula James of Post, Texas, and T. B. McCormick of Los Angeles.

PEOPLE ARE MUDDLED OVER LAW

The 310 Drivers Owning Licenses Need Not Worry Over Amendment Passed by Council Tuesday Night

DRIVER'S PERMIT LAW AN OLD ONE

Ordinance Was Passed in 1910 But Its Enforcement is Now Undertaken by City Administration

TWO PERTINENT FACTS

The ordinance requiring automobile drivers to have licenses is six years old.
Before the amendment was passed Thursday night 310 persons in Chickasha had already obtained their licenses.

"Many people in Chickasha are under a wrong impression regarding the amendment to the old motor vehicle ordinance which was passed at last Thursday's meeting of the city council requiring all drivers of cars in Chickasha to have a driver's license," said Mayor Coffman today. "This is an old law. The bill requiring such permit and license was passed by the city council in 1910 and some people have been driving cars in Chickasha for three and four years without a license not knowing or pretending not to know that they were subject to a fine every day that they took the car out without a license."

"The action of last Thursday was simply an amendment to the old law and also the approval of the examining board which I appointed to take the place of the old board. This old board was appointed several years ago but had not been at work for a long while because the law had not been enforced and their services were not required."

"The same is the case with the age limit. The law forbidding persons under sixteen years to operate a machine has been effective for several years but has not been enforced. What is the use of having these laws on the statute books if they are not to be obeyed by the public with punishment for violations? If they are not good laws they should be repealed."

"Another point on which many people are in error," continued his honor, "is the belief that the 310 persons who obtained licenses under the old law and before the passage of the amendment last Thursday required to pass an examination and to get a new license. That is not correct. It is only doing justice to these 310 people who have already obeyed the law to require other owners and drivers to do the same. Those having licenses have already complied with the law and have nothing else to do."

"Curly" Reynolds, city clerk, is issuing an average of twenty-five applications daily to drivers and owners who wish to escape the penalty attached to operating motor vehicles within the city limits without a driver's license.

"There is plenty of howling going on among these applicants," said the city clerk. "They object to paying the seventy-five cents examination fee and some of them are under the impression that they must pay a fee of seventy-five cents to every member of the examining board. Many others are under the impression that Mayor Coffman passed this law and are jumping on him with both feet. I explain to them that this is an old ordinance now being enforced. Some people want a license without a drivers permit but this cannot be issued. The license will only be issued with a corresponding permit showing that the applicant is capable of driving."

"The work of the auto examiners requires about twenty minutes. In some cases all that the members do is to sign the application having knowledge that the applicant is capable from seeing him or her driving for several years. As the examiners are garage men and automobile men they have had ample opportunity to judge of the